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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government are still making further surveys in the matter. Even now, I can make bold to announce that the Government will extend all facilities for the starting of a peper mill. But, it is for the hon. Members to secure some private enterprise for that purpose.

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE: May I know whether any private individual or firm from Malabar has applied for permission to establish a paper factory either in Nilambur or Wynaad?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not think there is any specific application for undertaking the paper industry.

SRI S. CHELLAPANDIAN: Have any investigations been made by the Government about opening a paper mill at Papanasam near Ambasamudram and have any private enterprises come forward to start that mill?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir. There has been an old proposal to make paper from its reeds. The applicant, whose licence has been accepted, has not been able to proceed further in the matter. If any other private enterprise comes forward, the Government will examine the matter.

Amendments to the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947

* 95 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state with refernce to the answer given to supplementary question to question No. 3129 on 27th February 1956— 9-40 a.m.

(*a*) whether the State Government have made any suggestion to the Central Government during 1955-56 to amend the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947; and

(*b*) if so, the details thereof?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Sir, on a former occasion the Hon. Minister in reply to a question said that he would suggest to the Central Government to make provision for vesting powers with the Government to go into the accounts of textile mills and other firms in the State when the Industrial Disputes Act was amended. May I know what is the result?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, before the Industrial Disputes Amending Bill was taken up by Parliament some time back, there was a discussion with the States' Ministers by the Centre and this Government did urge certain provisions to be incorporated in the proposed amending Bill. Since then the amending Bill had been finalized and I think that it had been passed by the Parliament.